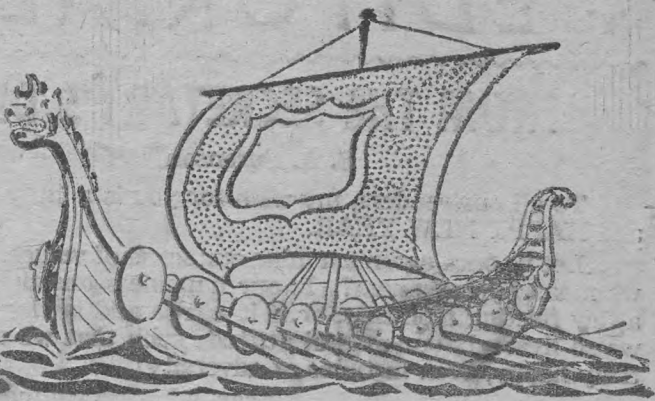


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Icelandic Society

A warm invitation is given the readers of this column to attend the Annual Scandinavian Night, Jan. 23, in the Jubilee Auditorium. Each year, this festive evening grows in attendance and interest. News by way of the grapevine discloses that the committee is active in preparing a special program followed by lunching and dancing. The theme 'All Aboard For Scandinavia' for the program to be staged in the upper auditorium suggests an interesting time. Meet your friends there for a sociable evening.

Heartiest congratulations are offered to Mr. Mrs. G. O. Gislason, celebrating their golden wedding, January 1st. They were married in Winnipeg, fifty years ago, by the father of Mr. Gislason, the Rev. Oddur Gislason, well-known among the early settlers in Icelandic communities in the west. The family honored them with a family dinner at the Corona Hotel, Jan. 2. A new member of the family circle is Baby Louise Lillian Leger, who was born, Nov. 30th. The proud parents are Ernie and Lil Leger.

Mrs. W. S. McNaughton is now home from hospital, and on the road to recovery. Her second great-grand child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Butler, and named Linda Joyce. Mr. and Mrs. Jack McNaughton are the happy grandparents.

Mrs. G. Vigfusson of Selkirk, Man. is the guest at the homes of her three sons and their wives, Norman, Herbie and Hjalmar. She will spend the winter in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Maxon and daughters spent Christmas at the home of Victor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Maxon, Markerville, Alta.

As we approach the new year of 1960, the greetings of the season are expressed to all the readers of this column. We wish the

Visitors at the Roy Shantz home for New Years are Mr. and Mrs. Ingi Grimson and son from Mozart, Sask. and Mr. Steini Grimson from Grand Forks, B. C. Steini is stationed there with the RCMP. They will visit with their mother Mrs. White, who makes her home with with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shantz and their three children.

well worn wish of health, happiness and prosperity to each of you. May we close the old year by asking further co-operation in the gathering of news and a word of thanks for the good support given in the past. A happy new year to all.

We regret to report the death of Mrs. G. (Helga) Björnson, living with her son in Flatbush, Alta. She was sixteen days past her 98th birthday, and leaves to mourn, her two daughters, Mrs. B. Keys, and Mrs. Rasmussen, and

Finnish Society

The year 1959 is gone and another will take its place, with all its pleasures and also the tasks of everyday life. We hope that the year 1960 will be a happy and pleasant one for all. Happy New Year! Onnellista Untta Vuotta.

The Finnish Society Christmas party for the children was enjoyed by a good crowd. It opened with the showing of cartoons. The program consisted of Christmas carols sung by a group of singers and also included some violin selections by Mr. Erkki Luhtala, accompanied by Miss Rita Nahkuri on the accordion and Miss Ulla Vesalainen at the piano. Refreshments, with cakes and cookies were served, and the children were excited and happy when "Joulupukki" appeared, coming all the way from "Korvatunturi" with gifts for everyone.

The preliminary meeting of the Finnish Society was held as advertised but the attendance was poor. A nominating committee was set up to nominate prospective directors to be elected at the annual meeting.

The annual meeting of the Finnish Society will be held on Feb. 7. The place of meeting will be announced later. Please keep this date in mind and be sure you attend this very important meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sahuri wish to thank everyone who took part in the wonderful surprise house-warming party on December 5. Many thanks for the lovely flowers and the gift of two beautiful lamps, and thanks to the hostesses of that memorable evening.

Please notify of any changes in address to the editor or correspondent of your club or lodge. Also send in any news or articles you wish to see in print.

Much stronger than man in comparison is a common working bee. It can pull a small wagon which is 300 times its own size.

Antiques are the furniture of which the last payment has just been paid.

a son Bjorn, as well as many grand and great-grandchildren. Mrs. Rosa Benedictson, of Red Deer attended the funeral and visited with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Benedictson of Jasper Place. Steve is a student at the University of Alberta. He is the grandson of the poet, Stephan G. Stephanson, an early pioneer in the Markerville district.

To all good Icelandic peoples (and those who would like to be) I say 'Gledileg Nytt Ar'; and to all the rest, who are lucky enough to read this paper, I say Happy New Year. May the Good Lord be good to you, through the festive season and always.

Edna Garnett.

Sons Of Norway Solglyt Lodge

DECEMBER MEETING, Dec. 11. The prime purpose of the December meeting of the Sons of Norway was the election of officers for the coming year. The new officers will be officially installed at the January meeting.

During the evening President K. Amdam presented Mrs. S. Tyehsen with a belated wedding gift.

Friends of Mrs. G. Sorum bade farewell to her on December 7th as she boarded the train for the first lap of her journey to Norway. On December 9 the Bergenfjord took her across the sea to Oslo and from there she travelled by train to her family at Hamar.

Prior to her departure from Edmonton, Mrs. Sorum was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Sorenson for several days. A pleasant surprise party enabled her to visit with a great number of friends the night before leaving. Her many friends in Edmonton wish her happiness and contentment in Norway.

Christmas visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Faltinson were Mr. and Mrs. Gauff and Mr. and Mrs. Hansen and families, all of Fort Saskatchewan.

Visitors from Victoria at the home of Mrs. A. Herstad were Mrs. Thurton and daughter. Mrs. Herstad has not been feeling well for some time. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. A. Guldbrandsen is back to work following a two-week lay-off due to a hand infection.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Jones, parents of Mrs. R. Eidem, recently returned from a three-month trip to Europe. One of the highlights of their holiday was their visit to Stavanger where they called on a famous painter.

Mrs. A. Lee returned by air from a five-week visit to Holland. She had not seen her family since coming to Canada ten years ago.

Mrs. R. Arntzen spent the Christmas holidays with her granddaughter in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Kris Seeborg have moved to 7218-112 Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Aarsteinsen enjoyed Christmas in their new home at 9115-153 Street.

An early Christmas gift was delivered at the University Hospital to Dr. and Mrs. Byrnes Fleuty (nee Crystal MacDonald) when their

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Normannsforbundet

The Norwegian Club Normannsforbundet wish to extend Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year to everyone.

Vasa Lodge Skandia No. 549

The December 5 meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia was chiefly taken up with the election of officers and the following members were elected to hold office for the coming year: Chairman, Sigurd Johnson; Vice Chairman, Ed. Bergquist; Secretary, Nils Timo; Vice Secretary, Raul Nyroos; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Linnea Lodge; Vice Fin. Secretary, Miss Verna Kvarnberg; Treasurer, Don Johnson; Chaplin, Julius Hober; Master of Ceremonies, Glen Eliasson; Vice Master of Ceremonies, Roger Ogren; Inner Guard, Harold Markstrom; Outer Guard, Herman Nelson; Trustee, Eric Engvall; Sick Committee, Willard Modin, Ed. Bergquist, Gus Johnson, Mrs. Milda Beckstrom, Mrs. Hansine Pierre and Mrs. Ida Enger; Auditors, Julius Hober, Andy Ogren, Bud Holmgren and Glen Eliasson; and Chairman of land committee, Ed. Bergquist.

Out of town visitors at the meeting were Brother and Sister Thorsen and Brother and Sister Holmlund of Falun Lodge No. 575. Brother Thorsen is Past District Master of Dist. No. 18.

Lunch was served after the meeting and dancing followed till midnight to the music of Carl Elgstrand's orchestra. Free tickets to the January dance were won by Mrs. Astrid Winquist, Emil Johnson, Miss Shiela Ogren and Hans Sorenson.

The lucky tickets of the electric fry pan and pressure cooker were A. Bauer, 12027-94 St. with ticket No. 1124 and Peter Lewicki, 11216 Jasper Ave. with ticket No. 192.

The next meeting will be held in the I.O.O.F. Temple on January 2, at 6:30 p.m. when installation of officers will take place. A dance will follow at 9 p.m. with Carl Elgstrand's orchestra supplying the music.

The annual smorgasbord held at the Masonic Temple November 28 was a great success with over 800 of an attendance. Everyone enjoyed the supper of mainly Swedish dishes, and the concert and dance which followed. It is to be hoped that the next smorgasbord may be held in the new Scandinavian Centre.

A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR IS EXTENDED TO EVERYONE FROM SKANDIA LODGE No. 549.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigurd Johnson wish to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Winnifred Janice to Mr. Wayne Thomas Sarginson. The date of the wedding to be announced later.

Mr. Ed. Petterson has been a patient in the Royal Alexandra hospital.

A district executive meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson recently. Members from out of town who were present were District Master, Bert Johnson of Lethbridge; District Vice

DANIA (Danish Society)

"Bikuben" held their annual meeting in November and the new elected officers are as follows: President, Vera Nielsen; vice-president Ellen Nielson; secretary, Car Frey; treasurer; Inger Hansen and Reviser, Elsie Sorensen. We all wish to see some new members in the New Year, come and join in the pleasant evening once a month. The next meeting will be held on January 18th at 8 p.m. - 10029-85 Ave. All danish speaking ladies are welcome.

Bingo and Dance on Dec. 11th was well attended and we were pleased to see so many of our Scandinavian friends there. A lot of people were the lucky winners of Turkeys, Geese and Ducks, beside the last game was won by Mrs. Gus Larson and she got a nice little pig, all ready for the oven.

Congratulations in order to Mr. and Mrs. Poul Christensen on arrival of their third son. Better luck next time Ulla.

January 8th is the date to remember for our big New Years Dance. We hope to see you all out that night. You will be able to buy real Danish Sandwiches and all that goes with it. You all know what that belongs to a good piece of "Smorrebrod."

So remember the date and place, January 8th at 8:30 p.m. in the South Side Legion Auditorium, 10416 - 81 Ave.

Now is the time to buy your membership card for 1960. You see, it pays to have it, as you get in to the dances for less, almost every time. Contact one of the directors who are: Art Andersen, Erling Petersen 9006 - Jasper Ave., Erik Nielsen 10757 - 83 Ave., Vera Nielsen 10029 - 73 Ave., Knud Jorgensen 10308 - 129 Ave., or you can get your 1960 membership card at the door on January 8th only \$3 for a whole year.

BENT JENSEN

If anybody knows the whereabouts of this man, please contact Mrs. Poul Nielsen, 11029-83 Ave., phone GE 3-8703. Last known address of Bent Jensen is 9930-106 Stret.

I have a few DANSK NYTAAR left, so come to see me at 10029-85 Ave. It contains a lot of good reading for the holidays.

The Danish Society "Dania" wish each and every one a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Master, Floyd Modin of Calmar and District Secretary, Carey Bergwall of Calgary. Edmonton members were Mrs. Margaret Eliasson, Eric Pierre and Magnus Pearson.

Nils Timo was a business visitor in Calgary recently. While there he attended the meeting of Brant-

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EDITORIAL

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

S. A. Sorenson

To all our readers, my wish for you is a truly successful and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Let us once again examine our sense of values. What do we mean by happiness? Is our happiness one that lasts for a few fleeting moments, or is it a true and lasting one? Do we so live? Is our mental attitude such that we are always truly happy, even in times of adversity?

As to a successful New Year, what do we mean by success? We must set for ourselves worthwhile goals, work and plan deliberately towards their achievement, and when our goal is an accomplished fact, we have been successful.

And so we in the Scandinavian Centre have collectively set what we sincerely believe to be a worthwhile goal for 1960 — the building of a Cultural, Social and Recreational Centre.

May its successful achievement help to raise our sense of values, and secure for each individual a greater measure of happiness.

NEW YEAR 1960

Another year is quickly drawing to a close and the doors will open to a brand new one, 1960. Before we open the doors to the new year, let us look over our shoulders for a brief backward glance at some of the happenings of the past year and the dints they have made in the scheme of things.

The shooting of "Sputnik" into the heavens has created a whole new line of thought with a much greater emphasis turned on the sciences than ever before. Many place a tremendous significance on this race into space. The planets, which were looked upon as stars; and the sun and moon as bodies of light which controlled time for us in this world, are now considered as possible places to visit in the not too distant future. Only the future can tell what will come of these exploitations.

Certainly when we think in terms of the universe, with space reaching out beyond our imaginations, it has the effect of making this old world seem smaller. The recent developments in the speeding up of travel from one country to another tends to minimize distance. But this speed age, and the opportunities it offers, poses as a challenge, too. It has brought peoples and nations within easier reach of one another whether for friendly purposes or otherwise.

Now as we open the doors of the new year we are faced with different problems than ever before in the history of the world. There are greater possibilities, too, for either good or evil. The minds of men have brought about great changes. They are part of our modern age. Is our civilization advanced enough in responsibility to control for the good of mankind the inventions that have come out of science laboratories in recent years? That is the big question. Side by side with knowledge there should be an even measure of wisdom, but wisdom is the outcome of discipline, training and experience, blended well with the milk of human kindness. In the race for supremacy in the field of science, has there been a lack of balance in the training for a responsible use of the new inventions?

Well, what can we do about it? Nothing dramatic, that is sure. But starting this year, if more people will put forth greater efforts toward better relationships with their fellow man, it can mean a swing in the right direction. Within every individual there must be the desire for improved relations with members of families, communities and other nations. We must try to understand the needs of others, and not to judge their weaknesses; and to tolerate differences in-so-far as those differences do not destroy or interfere with the rights of others. People in positions of leadership can have a more widespread influence, and they should take care to direct their efforts toward betterment, both within and outside their own boundaries.

So as we enter the new year, let us resolve to make 1960 the best year yet. Each in our own small way, together with the good, sound efforts of other well-meaning persons, can start a wave of influence for the good of mankind that will do far more toward righting the wrongs of this world than missiles or atom bombs.

Wishing all our readers, A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Schultz and Olsen went into a bar. "What'll it be, boys?" asked the bartender.

"I tink I'll haf a leedle shin," said Schultz.

Quipped Olsen to the bartender: "What you tink of Schultz here—he's bane in dis country seventeen years now and can't say yin yet!"

A rather damaged-looking Scandinavian was seated in the gutter in front of a saloon, laughing hilariously as the blood dripped

from his nose.

A passer-by stopped. "What's the joke?"

The wreck replied: "Aye ban in dar at da bar an' a feller come oop to me and hit me in da eye and say 'Take dat, yu darn Norwegian!' An' hay poonch me on da nose and say 'Dat for yu, yu darn Norwegian!' An' hay kick me into the street, Ha! Ha!"

"Well, what's so funny about that?"

"Vy, aye bane Svede!"

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You will enjoy joining a group of tourists who visit the Scandinavian countries, and laugh and applaud with them as they watch Iceland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland—unfold in song, verse and dance.

After this "really big shew", and still for only one dollar (the same dollar), you may join in the dance downstairs to real, rollicking Scandinavian music.

Can you afford to miss it?

Get your tickets now for the Spectacular 6th Annual Scandinavian Nite, January 23, at the Jubilee Auditorium.

Sons Of Norway

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daughter Crystal Mina, weighing 7 lbs., 8 ozs., arrived on December 7. Congratulations.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kangshott (nee Tove Weibe) on the arrival of a daughter at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

CHRISTMAS BOWLING PARTY

Strikes, splits and spares were forgotten as the Sons of Norway bowlers and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mjaatveit to celebrate the Christmas season. Bowling secretary, Mrs. F. Jacobsen, reports a very enjoyable evening.

REFLECTIONS OF 1959

Another successful year for Solgylt Lodge has drawn to a close. Members and friends have enjoyed the fun and fellowship offered by the many activities of lodge life. Those who may have been disappointed will realize that one gets more out of an organization the more one puts into it. It is hoped that those who did not take too active a part will endeavour to do so the coming year.

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Noisy horns, rattles and cheers heralded the coming of the New Year 1959 for lodge members and friends at their first New Year's Eve Frolic. The year 1959 was off to a rousing start.

Again one of the year's high lights was the Fourth Annual Norsk Kaffee Lag held on April 19. Members and friends gathered to enjoy a delicious lunch including Norwegian pastry while being entertained by the Welsh Male Chorus.

The traditional Lutfisk Dinner was a very successful event this year. Many people turned out to enjoy the dinner, program and dancing to two orchestras.

To conclude a good year and to begin another even better, the lodge planned its second New Year's Eve party to be held at the Corona Hotel.

Members of the Sons of Norway

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Vasa Lodge

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ling Lodge where he reported an enjoyable evening with a fine turnout.

Lennart and Barbara Erickson are going home to Stockholm, Sweden via the United States. They are leaving December 31.

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Members of Skandia Lodge extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Anderson of Buford Vasa Lodge, on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary which they celebrated Monday, Dec. 14. Relatives and friends visited them on Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Helge Forsberg of Edmonton where they are staying for a time. Telegrams were received from the Lieutenant-Governor, the Hon. J. J. Bowlen; Premier E. C. Manning; and a friend, Miss Violet Ulmer of Hanna, Alberta.

Mrs. Helen Ryley and her mother, Mrs. Pearson, are visiting relatives in Kamloops and Vancouver for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Maxwell have been on a business trip to Texas, U.S.A.

The Past Presidents' Club held its meeting at the home of Mrs. Lennia Lodge.

Willard Modin is working on a gravel haul job at Barrhead.

Mrs. Karen Harold of Lloydminster, Sask., is a visitor in Edmonton and attended the Children's

Christmas concert. She expects to be here for a month and hopes to see many of her friends.

Mrs. Amanda Nelson travelled by air to Los Angeles where she will visit friends for a couple of months.

Mrs. Winnie Pearson is a patient in Royal Alexandra Hospital. Her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hober who were married December 18.

The 25th Annual Christmas program of the Skandia Children's "Barn" Club was held on December 20 at the I.O.O.F. Temple. Brian Johnson was Master of Ceremonies. Singing, dancing, recitations and musical selections composed the program, with all participants making a wonderful performance.

After the program Mrs. Samuelson gave a review of the Children's Club since it started 25 years ago. Mrs. Eliasson read messages of congratulations and good wishes which were sent on the occasion. They were from Lulu Lundgren, Ida McMillan and Elva Frederking also from District Master B. Johnson of Lethbridge; Vasa Juniors of Calgary; Past Presidents' Club; Lily Taylor and Dist. Supervisor, M. Eliasson.

Floyd Modin of Calmar spoke on

the importance of children's clubs and congratulated all those who have worked to keep the club going. He presented a beautiful cake to the children's leader, Raul Nyroos, on behalf of District Alberta Lodge No. 18.

All former members present, approximately 15, which included Mrs. Martha Kay, their first president were called to the stage. They sang "Vi ga over doggstankta berg," a favorite song through the years.

Dancing around the tree by old and young followed, and after Santa presented the bags of treats to the children a lovely lunch was served.

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Annual Vasa Smorgasbord Is Success

The annual VasaLodge Skandia smorgasbord held Nov. 28 at the Masonic Temple was a greater success than ever with a record-breaking attendance of approximately 800. Possibly another 100 persons were turned away due to an insufficient supply of food. This was indeed unfortunate and the committee in charge wish to apologize to the disappointed patrons. The reason for the shortage was that the advance ticket sales did not indicate such a large turnout (more than 200 over the previous years)

and provisions were of course made accordingly.

This year there was a greater variety of Swedish dishes to choose from than at previous smorgasbords held by the lodge and the comments were very favorable. The concert which was under the management of Mrs. Lily Taylor was well received. Mr. Sigurd Johnson did a fine job as Master of Ceremonies. Following the program the two dance floors were filled to capacity with the orchestras of Mrs. Lily Taylor and Mr. Carl Elgstrand in attendance.

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Mix together 2 cups of rusk crumbs, 1/4 cup sugar and 1/3 cup melted butter. Set out 2 1/2 cups thick sweetened applesauce and 1/4 cup butter. Put 1/3 of crumb mixture in a 1-qt. buttered baking dish. Press down firmly. Spoon one-half the applesauce over the crumb layer and dot with one-half the butter. Sprinkle with one-half the remaining crumbs. Repeat, ending with crumb layer. Bake at 350 degrees 25 to 30 minutes. Cool completely, chill several hours. When ready to serve sift 1/4 cup powdered sugar over cake which has been covered with

a paper doily to form a pattern. Serve applecake with vanilla sauce. 8 servings.

SPONGE CAKE

Separate 5 eggs, beat whites until foaming. Add 1 tspn. cream of tartar, 1/2 tspn. salt and beat till stiff. Put yolks into mixing bowl with 5 tbsps. cold water and 1 cup fruit sugar. Beat till light yellow and fluffy. Sift 1 cup cake flour 3 times and add to yolk mixture and

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